Proposal to solve Kashmir Problem

1235. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an interview which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 3rd October, 1991 in which the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir is reported to have made some specific proposals in solving the present tangle in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has indicated its willingness to talk to anyone, but the solution has to be within the frame work of the Constitution of India. Major terrorist outfits has so far not responded positively to the call for talks.

The situation is proposed to be tackled by adopting most stringent measures against terrorism and infiltration from across the border, creation of a strong opinion against Pakistan support to international terrorism and to take care of genuine grievances of the people and seeking their co-operation in tackling the terrorist violence.

Release of Romanian Diplomat

1236. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN :
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that the liberation Tiger Force of Khalistan has claimed responsibility for the abduction of the Romanian Charge d'e Affairs in New Delhi recently.

(b) Whether it is also a fact that the militants have asked for the release of several hard-core militants in exchange of the arrested diplomate:

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and the steps taken by Government to secure the release of the diplomat; and

(d) whether Government have received any communication from the Government of Rumania and if so what is Government's response therto ?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) to (c) The Charged' Affairs of the Romanian Embassy in New Delhi was abducted on 9th October, 1991. Intensive operations were launched to search for the abducted diplomat. He has since been released.

Militants of several organisations had issued statements in the Press claiming the responsibility for this abduction and Liberation Tiger Force of Khalistan was one of them. Release of several hard core militants had also been sought in exchange.

(d) The President and the Prime Minister of India had received communications from the President and the Prime Minister of Ramania respectively expressing concern over the abduction of the Romanian Charged' Affairs. The President and the Prime Minister of India had replied to their counterparts in Romania informing them about the efforts being taken by the Indian security agencies to secure the safe release of the abducted diplomat.

Nepali Language

1237. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Nepali language is being treated as a foreign language; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons threfor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMANETARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) In 1961 Census a distinction was made between Foreign and Non-Foreign languages. Nepali was not treated as a foreign language. In subsequent census operations distinction between Foreign and Non-foreign languages has not been maintained.

Attack on Journalists in Bombay

1238. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of journalists were physically attacked and stabbed in Bombay on the 30th October, 1991 ;